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*Brazil: Tensions have relaxed following the virtually bloodless overthrow of the Goulart government.

Civilian and military leaders are cooperating to restore normality, with the armed forces showing every indication of refraining from any interference in the governing process. Acting War Minister Costa e Silva has given assurances that the military will respect the congress and abide by next year's elections.

Interim President Mazzilli's first few cabinet appointments reflect a generally moderate, pro-Western orientation. Mazzilli is expected to fill the remaining posts with capable men of similar political outlook.

There are conflicting reports as to ousted President Goulart's whereabouts, but he is believed to have taken refuge in his Sao Borja ranch on the Uruguayan border, from where he could easily go into exile. A number of other leftists have taken asylum in various Latin American embassies or crossed into neighboring countries. Meanwhile, the roundup of Communist leaders continues.

The general atmosphere throughout Brazil is one of relief. Relative calm was reported everywhere following the collapse of the last pocket of resistance yesterday in Rio Grande do Sul state. In Rio de Janeiro

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a holiday mood prevailed, reflected in the anti-Goulart demonstration of some one million persons. However, some pro-Goulart demonstrations have taken place in Recife and one or two smaller cities and several strikes have broken out. The important coffee port of Santos was virtually paralyzed yesterday by a portworkers strike.

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*USSR - Communist China: The publication of Suslov's speech to the Soviet party Central Committee meeting in mid-February marks the first step in a Soviet counteroffensive against Peiping.

This move probably is designed to set the stage for further pronouncements by Khrushchev during his present visit to Hungary and at ceremonies in Moscow on the occasion of his 70th birthday on 17 April.

Although Suslov placed the USSR on record as favoring a new world Communist conference to "surmount the difficulties that have arisen in the Communist movement," the summary of his speech contains no indications of imminent moves to force a complete break with the Chinese.

The speech and a 15 February Central Committee "decision" also published yesterday suggest that the Soviet leaders, under pressure from certain Eastern European and foreign Communist parties, plan to continue efforts aimed ostensibly at restoring unity rather than to provoke an early showdown and the expulsion of the Chinese.

These pronouncements, however, make it clear that the Russians intend to intensify their attempts to isolate the Chinese by making them appear irresponsible and indifferent to the interests of foreign parties and the Communist movement as a whole.

Suslov insisted that Peiping's behavior requires that "we come out openly and strongly against the incorrect views and dangerous actions" of the Chinese leaders. The Soviet party "decision" demanded the "ideological exposure" of Chinese heresies and a "decisive repulsion of their splitting actions."

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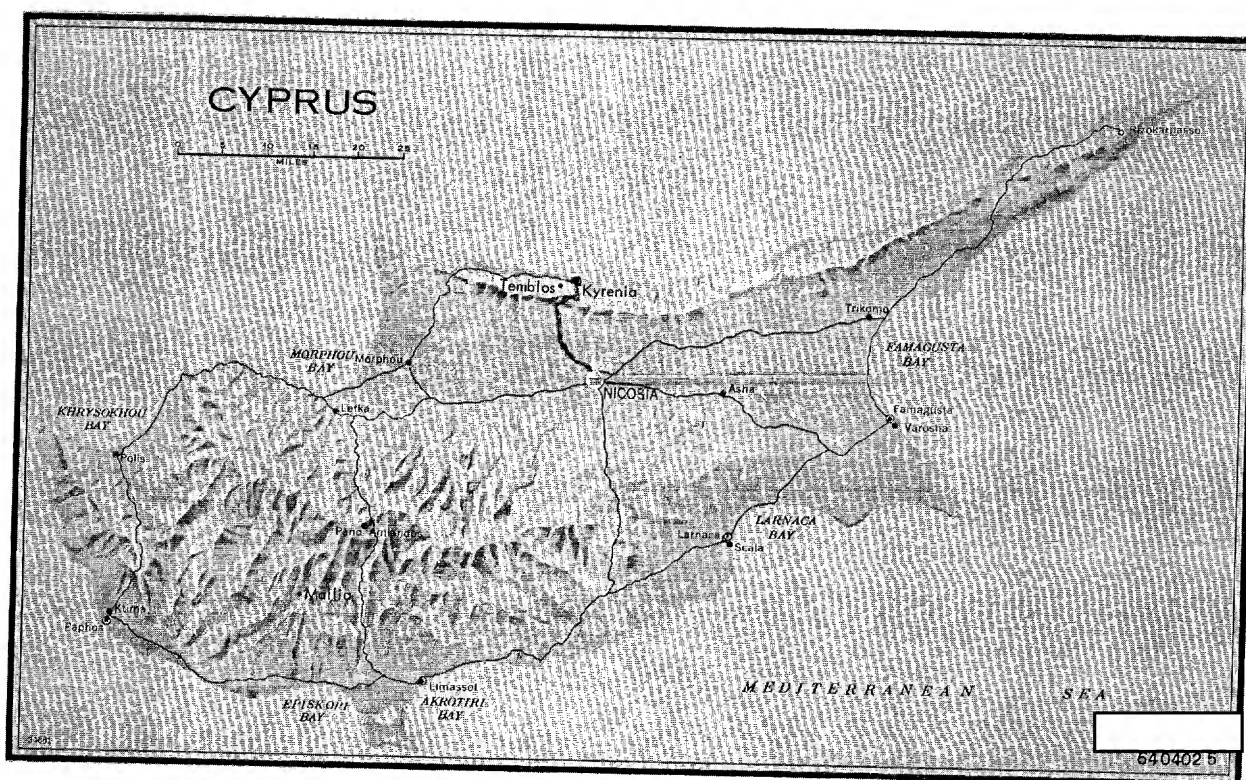
In response to Peiping's "invitations" to the Soviet party to overthrow Khrushchev, the documents published today make a special point of praising his leadership and the solidarity of the Soviet leaders. Suslov declared that the Central Committee headed by Khrushchev "has never been so united and monolithic" and that the "Leninist line pursued by our party cannot be separated from the Central Committee and from Khrushchev."

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Cyprus:

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Makarios has stated he will ask the UN to help government security forces enforce the order against any units which refuse to surrender their weapons.

Turkey's rejection of Makarios' request to withdraw its troops astride the Nicosia-Kyrenia road may provoke early countermoves. Makarios may announce unilateral abrogation of the 1960 Treaty of Alliance among Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey which provides for the stationing of 950 Greek and 650 Turkish troops on Cyprus. Press reports speculate that Greek Cypriots may attack Turkish positions.

The drive to bring former underground leader George Grivas back to Cyprus from Greece gathered strength with the parade of several thousand Greek Cypriot students through Nicosia yesterday. A special committee to promote his return has been formed and it is slated to hold a demonstration on 5 April, according to the press.

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British officials understand that UN mediator Tuomioja, who arrived in Nicosia yesterday, plans to spend about two weeks in Cyprus before visiting Athens, Ankara, and London.

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Panama: [Castroists and Communists may try to trigger violent outbreaks in several areas of Panama, perhaps beginning this week end.]

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[This may be keyed to demonstrations planned for this week end in Panama City and elsewhere to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the "Cerro Tute uprising." This unsuccessful rebellion was notable because it was planned to coincide with a Cuban-supported landing in Panama.]

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[A banana workers' strike, which began ten days ago and now embraces some 5,000 workers, increases the possibility of trouble in the interior. The danger that the strike will spread--and perhaps erupt into violence--is enhanced by the fact that the workers are being incited by pro-Communist agitators, some of whom are Cuban trained.]

[Meanwhile, the prolonged difficulty in choosing a new rector for the national university is improving the Communists' chances of finally dominating the university's administration as well as its students.]

[In response to charges that he is assisting Communist efforts to take over the university, Education Minister Solis Palma recently defended the choice of "communist solutions" when other methods do not solve a country's problems.]

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South Vietnam: [General Khanh remains wary of the motives of civilian politicians.]

[Khanh and his defense minister, General Khiem, have voiced concern in recent weeks about efforts of the Dai Viet Party to recruit followers in the armed forces. They apparently feel that such activity could eventually make the Dai Viets, who have several ministers in the government, a threat to the military leadership.]

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[There are continuing rumors of friction between Khanh and Nguyen Ton Hoan, vice premier for pacification and leader of the southern Dai Viet faction, even though differences over the extent of Hoan's authority reportedly were ironed out some weeks ago.]

[The other Dai Viet faction has been only lukewarm in support of Khanh.]

[Khanh's suspicion of most civilian politicians is also bringing him into increasing discord with the advisory Council of Notables. The council is resisting his indirect pressures for its dissolution.]

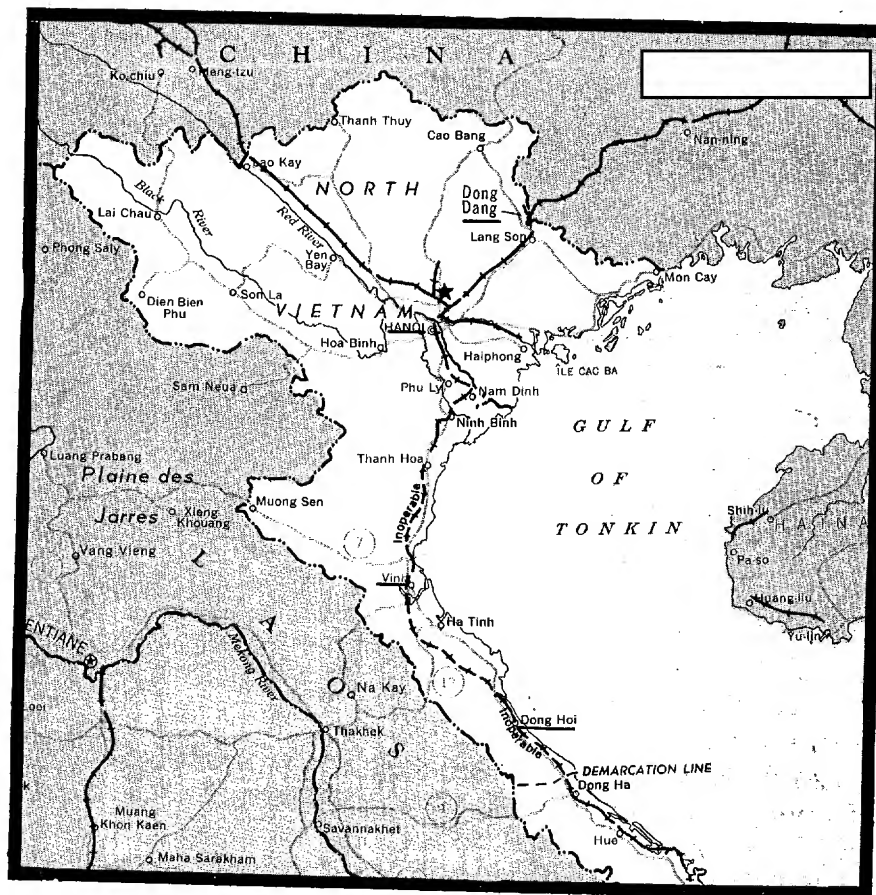
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North Vietnam: [North Vietnamese military and civil defense preparations against outside attack are more extensive than previously reported.]

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[These preparations, [redacted] began in mid-February and continued at least through mid-March. They appeared designed primarily to cope with aerial bombardment.]

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[At Hanoi's Gia Lam airfield, for example, planes were dispersed and the guard force strengthened. Additional antiaircraft batteries were deployed around the southern part of the city.]

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[Trenches and underground shelters have been built in and around the major urban centers. At Dong Hoi, [redacted] enough earthworks had been dug to shelter half the city's population.]

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[An emergency draft of manpower in connection with the defensive precautions apparently also has taken place. [redacted]]

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Britain: Sir Michael Fraser, the influential director of the Conservative Party's research department, is strongly advising Prime Minister Douglas-Home to put off general elections until the fall. Fraser's analysis of the political situation indicates that public sentiment is gradually shifting in the Conservatives' favor, but not fast enough to catch up with Labor for several months unless something unexpected occurs. It is not certain that Douglas-Home will heed this advice. Other important party figures, fearing an economic downturn, are dubious about deferring elections to the last possible moment.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board approved the following national intelligence estimate on 2 April 1964:

NIE 60-64: "Problems of Political Stability in
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